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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

Examiner

Tran N. Nguyen

Art Unit

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) ____.
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 6. 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

The subject matter of this application admits of illustration by a drawing to facilitate understanding of the invention. Applicant is **required** to furnish a drawing under 37 CFR 1.81. No new matter may be introduced in the required drawing. The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the descriptive detail of subject matters as recited in claim 1 such as both conducting-corona-shielding material layer and semi-conducting-corona material layer along with stator's slot and stator's round-wire winding and the arrangements of these subject matters must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Reminder:

The drawings reference sign(s) must be mentioned in the description of the Specification; therefore when adding drawing to the application, the applicant needs to submit amendment to the specification to add the reference sign(s) in the Specification. No new matter should be added.

A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

1. The Specification does not comply with the guidelines set forth. The following guidelines illustrate the preferred layout for the specification of a utility application. These guidelines are suggested for the applicant's use.

Arrangement of the Specification

As provided in 37 CFR 1.77(b), the specification of a utility application should include the following sections in order. Each of the lettered items should appear in upper case, without

underlining or bold type, as a section heading. If no text follows the section heading, the phrase "Not Applicable" should follow the section heading:

- (a) TITLE OF THE INVENTION.
- (b) CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS.
- (c) STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT.
- (d) INCORPORATION-BY-REFERENCE OF MATERIAL SUBMITTED ON A COMPACT DISC (See 37 CFR 1.52(e)(5) and MPEP 608.05. Computer program listings (37 CFR 1.96(c)), "Sequence Listings" (37 CFR 1.821(c)), and tables having more than 50 pages of text are permitted to be submitted on compact discs.) or
REFERENCE TO A "MICROFICHE APPENDIX" (See MPEP § 608.05(a). "Microfiche Appendices" were accepted by the Office until March 1, 2001.)
- (e) BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION.
 - (1) Field of the Invention.
 - (2) Description of Related Art including information disclosed under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
- (f) BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION.
- (g) BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWING(S).
- (h) DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION.
- (i) CLAIM OR CLAIMS (commencing on a separate sheet).
- (j) ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE (commencing on a separate sheet).
- (k) SEQUENCE LISTING (See MPEP § 2424 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. A "Sequence Listing" is required on paper if the application discloses a nucleotide or amino acid sequence as defined in 37 CFR 1.821(a) and if the required "Sequence Listing" is not submitted as an electronic document on compact disc).

2. ***The disclosure is objected*** to because of the following informalities: on page 3, line 7, claims 1-2 are referred in the disclosure, there maybe other pages in the spec. referring to the claims for the detail disclosure of the present invention. NO claims should be referred in the disclosure of the invention. To comply with the U.S. PTO standard, the applicant is requested to amend the specification to remove those claim references.

Because of the specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor and informal errors. Applicant's cooperation is therefore requested in promptly correcting any errors of which the applicant may become aware of in the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. **Claims 1-3** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1:

(a) "shielding materials both outside and inside the laminated stator core" is indefinite because it's unclear. Should it be "shielding materials both outside and inside the slot of the laminated stator core" ?

(b) "the point of contact ... with in the stator core" is indefinite. Should it be "a point of contact ... with in the slot of the stator core". Also "the point of contact" lacks antecedent basis.

In claim 1-3, "the corona shielding material" does not have clear antecedent basis because there are two corona materials: conducting-corona-shielding material and semi-conducting-corona material. Clarification is required.

In claim 2, "inside the laminated stator core" is indefinite. Should it be "inside the slot of the laminated stator core"?

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. Claims 1 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wedde et al (US 6140733) in view of Rhudy et al (US 4008409).

Wedde discloses a corona shielding arrangement for the stator winding; particularly two protective layers are electrically conductive and form outer corona-discharge protection for the insulation. This ensures adequate potential control, and avoids corona discharges occurring (cols. 6-7 figs 1-2). Wedde substantially discloses the claimed invention, except for the following: (1) one of the layers is semi-conducting-corona material; (2) the winding are round wire.

Regarding the semi-conducting-corona material, Rhudy teaches that semi-conductive materials are suitable and adequately conductive to prevent the formation of corona across any voids that may exist between the sides of coil winding (2) and the sides of coil-receiving slots (4), while being sufficiently high in resistance to prevent appreciable loss due to eddy current flowing between the respective ends of the core stack laminations.

Thus, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the Wedde corona shielding arrangement with one semi-conducting-corona

material, as taught by Rhudy. Doing so would provide suitable and adequate corona shielding material for preventing the formation of corona between the sides of coil winding and the sides of coil-receiving slots and preventing eddy-current loss.

Regarding the winding is a round wire, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the Wedde's winding by embodying round cross-section wire. Doing so would require only routine skills in the art because round cross-section wire is well known in the art. Besides that a change in size or shape is generally recognized as being within the level of ordinary skill in the art. *In re Rose*, 105 USPQ 237 (CCPA 1955) (emphasis added).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Communication

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tran N Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 308-1639. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 6:00AM-2:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nestor Ramirez can be reached on (703)-308-1371. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703)305-3431 for regular communications and (703)-395-3432 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703)-308-1782.


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